

## FIGHTING FOR RIGHT.

**MEANING OF THE SENATE STRUGGLE.**

A Principle Involved, and Not a Mere Scramble  
for Offices—The Majority Must Rule—  
What is Said of It by the  
Press and Public.

General L. A. Sheldon, recently appointed Governor of New Mexico, has returned to Cleveland from a visit to Washington. Having his intimate relations with President Garfield in view, it must be presumed that what he would have to say touching the situation in the Senate would be of some practical value. He was, therefore, yesterday called upon by the General and solicited an interview. He said: "The position of Mr. Mahone, who has come into such prominence in the great question of the preservation of independence of opinion, is a very delicate one. It is not for me to say that the Republicans are wrong in their determination to maintain him in his efforts. If this be not done, others who are ready to come out upon the same platform will be deterred. There are many persons who are ready to follow the opportunity afforded by Mr. Mahone's example and to follow the same principles. I understand that President Garfield is in full accord with the movement, and that such men will be sustained and a welcome extended to them in the future. It is, therefore, to follow the lead thus established."

"Is there any sign of a breaking of the deadlock? Is there any limit to its duration?"

"No," he or the other must give way; but both are obstinate. I am sure that Mr. Cortes, who did when he landed in Mexico—he has burned his ships. The fight was at first not understood. It was not for the mere control of a few minor offices in the gift of the Senate, but as Senator Sherman said in his speech a few days ago, for the maintenance of the principle that the whole subject has been lifted out of the routine into which it was plunged."

"Are there indications of a political break in any part of the South?"

"I think the movement has obtained considerable momentum. Mr. Leche, who was some headway under the leadership of Mr. Leche, who was a member when he was. He is an able man and of excellent character."

"Is there anything to hope for in Louisiana?"

"There is nothing visible as yet in Louisiana amounting to a decided tendency to change the complexion of the Government in Louisiana or in Mississippi, which if never occurs, will

lead to something substantial. It is backed by such newspapers as the Vicksburg *Herald*. In Tennessee there is a very decided majority, also; in Arkansas. Ex-Senator Lewis, who was a Senator from Virginia during General Grant's administration, said to me the other day that the Republicans and Readjusters combined are confident of carrying the next election."

in the dead-lock because the election of Mr. Riddleberger would probably give Virginia this fall to a coalition of the Democrats and the Republicans. The Northern Republican Senators in their turn say that they mean to carry Virginia this fall, and that to enable him to achieve that it is necessary that the Democrats should stand by them. The Republicans will stand by them to the last. That is to say, the most prominent men on both sides agree, when interrogated, that Riddleberger's election will show the Democrats to be the party in the political future of Virginia. If this is so, it hangs the issue to you, it is nevertheless the belief of both parties; nor is it even the whole truth. Southern Democrats in a private conversation that if Mahone should be elected it would mean a complete break in the Democratic line in every Southern State, and that they regard the defeat of Riddleberger, for that reason, as a matter of absolute necessity. It is a matter of a patriotic duty.—*Correspondence New York Herald.*

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

True present struggle is not for once, but for the dissolution of the solid South. There is a crisis in the life of the Confederate States war. If we fail in this war, the movement will be crushed out in desolation if not in blood. Our people North ought to understand

While PATIENCE may be annoyed or anxious to see the struggle in the Senate, they should be in mind that the Senate is a body of men. The Republican side are Senators Dawes, Hoar, Sherman, Edmunds, Morrill of Vermont, Hawley of Connecticut, Anthony, Burnside, Harrison of Indiana, and many others. These men have all had to have been long in public life, and during that period they have never brought reproach upon their

the Republican principles. And the men who were in the forefront of the time for the corrupt schemes of General Butler, all of them stood up for specie payments and for the maintenance of the public credit. In short, they have always acquitted themselves in a manner which has been creditable to the Republican party. There has been no question of their not fully understanding their motives, but in the end we have not come to the conclusion that they were right!—*Boston Journal.*

A DIFFERENT QUESTION.

The Democratic Senators who have insisted on maintaining the present form of the Senate are in a difficult position to answer to their constituents. That is, why should not the same majority which formed and elected the committees of the Senate also name the merely executive officers of that body? Or, naming the form of the ques-

The Senate have been surrendered to the Republican party if it was wrong for the same party to now control the mere servants and pages of the Senate? As to either, the sole possible answer is, "No." However, the Senate body has not been reached by sensible and practical men, it is that, the Senate body has been reached by the ignorant and should enjoy the privilege of naming its own agents and servants.—*Deseret (Utah) Gazette*, INDICATIONS.

The Bourbon Senators at Washington still maintain a solid front, and assail with the bitterest animosity the efforts of the rebelion. But, as the most careful observer cannot help noticing among the people of the South themselves unmistakable indications of the coming break-up in their political solidity. One of these signs is the want of faith in the future of the Democratic party, and the conviction that the only way to regain hope for permanent power.—*Birmingham Leader*.

A DEMOCRATIC EDITOR.

A Democratic editor is nothing if not funny. Though he stood by shouting "s'boys" while the Democratic Congress frittered away entire sections of the country.

He thought the Democratic circus in the House heroic. He thinks the determination of the Republicans to reorganize the Senate disgraceful.

*Philadelphia North American.*

THE WHITE FEATHER.

The sore-head papers are beginning to show the white feather and to whine about the dead-lock in the Senate. They think the majority, after making the position they have maintained so long, should now back down and give up the fight. They are really only a little sympathetic for the sports.—*Bay City (Mich.) Daily Tribune.*

TALK BETTER THAN LEGISLATION.

The opinion is growing at Washington that the best way to end the dead-lock in the Senate and to give impetus to the work of breaking up the solid South is to call an adjournment of Congress. But the country can endure the talk of the Bourbons better than it can their legislation.—*Troy Times.*

DOING THEIR DUTY.

The Republican Senators are doing their duty.

and the Republican people must do *their duty*, which is solidly to support the Republican Senators. There can be no flinching now, for that would be to peril everything. We must march to victory or enter upon the road to ruin.—*Boston Traveller*.

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**Disraeli Still Living.**

LONDON, April 12.—At one o'clock this morning the condition of Lord Beaconsfield was much changed.